

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit and
Significant Modification of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for
Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. in Normal

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a construction permit to expand the automotive manufacturing plant located at 100 North Mitsubishi Motorway in Normal. The expansion will increase air emissions from the facility. However, the contemporaneous change in air emissions will be below the significance threshold for a major modification as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21.

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. has also requested a revision to its Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for its automotive manufacturing plant located at 100 North Mitsubishi Motorway in Normal. The significant modification to the CAAPP consists of a clarification for determining compliance for topcoat operation. Major sources of air emissions are required by the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act to obtain Title V permits. The permit will be enforceable by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the Illinois EPA. The beginning of this public comment period also serves as the beginning date of the USEPA 45 day review period, provided the USEPA does not seek a separate proposed period. This permit may contain terms and conditions established pursuant to Title I of the federal Clean Air Act thereby making them combined Title V and Title I permits.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft construction permit and the significant modification.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permits and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permit, New and All Permit Records, Title V, Significant Modification). These documents and the application are available at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, 217/278-5800 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 23, 2003. If sufficient interest is expressed in a permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.